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## Upcoming Events

Nebraska Digital Government Summit  
Lincoln, November 1, 2010

Election Day  
November 2, 2010

GIS Day  
Norfolk, November 17, 2010

Omaha Police Dept. Grant Writing Workshop  
Omaha, November 18-19, 2010

2020 Committee Meeting  
Lincoln, November 19, 2010

116th Annual Conference  
Lincoln, December 8-10, 2010

County Board Workshop  
Kearney, February 9 –11, 2011



Daylight Saving Time ends  
Sunday, November 7th at 2:00  
a.m. local time...

**Don't forget to set your  
clocks back one hour!**

*The NACO/MIPS Offices  
will be closed  
Thursday, November 11th  
in observance of  
Veteran's Day*



**U.S Department of Transportation**  
**Office of Public Affairs**  
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590  
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## News

FHWA 61-10  
Thursday, October 28, 2010  
Contact: Doug Hecox  
Tel: 202-366-0660

### **FHWA Approves Three-Year Pilot Program To Improve Accountability on Nebraska Highway Projects**

*Four highway projects chosen to showcase improved project delivery*

LINCOLN, Neb. – Thursday, October 28, 2010

Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez today announced the start of a three-year pilot program developed in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) to improve state oversight of federal-aid highway projects administered by local public agencies (LPAs).

“Public money and public projects require a level of public responsibility, transparency and accountability,” said Administrator Mendez. “NDOR shares our commitment to improving the way public infrastructure projects are managed as evidenced by their willingness to enhance their oversight of LPA projects.”

The pilot program is one of the elements outlined in a five-point action plan developed by the FHWA after last March’s transportation summit held in Nebraska to address concerns of local government officials. The focus of the pilot program is to monitor state oversight of LPA projects that use private consulting firms to manage both the preliminary engineering and construction engineering on the same federally funded highway project, which the FHWA prohibited in Nebraska in 2009. A lack of state oversight and the potential for conflicts of interest prompted the ban.

At today’s meeting, FHWA Division Administrator Joe Werning and NDOR also announced the selection of four model projects. The projects will demonstrate the renewed federal-state-local partnership, the enhanced communication and coordination process, and a set of milestones that will shorten project delivery for Nebraska highway projects. These four model projects include:

- Constructing viaducts over railroad tracks at 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenues in Columbus;
- Widening 12<sup>th</sup> Street from Elm Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from two lanes to three in Hastings;
- Widening 108<sup>th</sup> Street from Decatur to N. Bridge Road in Omaha; and
- Improving roadway approaches on both sides of the Filley North bridge in Gage County.

Over the next three years, FHWA will work with NDOR and its LPAs to evaluate the newly established oversight controls and ensure these safeguards are implemented.

## NACO's 116th Annual Conference

Register now for NACO's 116th Annual Conference, to be held December 8-10, 2010 at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln. Registration and tentative agenda information are available on the NACO website at [www.nacone.org](http://www.nacone.org). Detailed conference information will be published in the November issue of *CountyLine*.

## County Official of the Year

Nomination forms must be received by Friday, November 12, 2010. The nomination form is available by clicking the link below.

County Official  
of the Year  
Nomination Form



## News Across the State...

*Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely*

[County bans use of tobacco products on all its property](#)  
Hastings Tribune, 10/20/10

[Jail fails compliance inspection](#)  
Beatrice Daily Sun, 10/21/10

[Sheehy thanks emergency responders](#)  
North Platte Telegraph, 10/24/10

[Three counties to consider eliminating weed boards](#)  
Norfolk Daily News, 10/26/10

[Phelps Co. signs funding deal with FEMA](#)  
Kearney Hub, 10/27/10

[New Buffalo County Jail in compliance with state standards for first time ever](#)  
Kearney Hub, 10/27/10

[Officials expect nearly 50 percent voter turnout Nov. 2](#)  
Waverly News, 10/28/10

[Nebraska expects dismal voter turnout](#)  
Omaha World Herald, 10/28/10



## Grants Training in Omaha, NE — November 18-19, 2010

The Omaha Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Omaha, November 18-19, 2010. In this class you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. This training is applicable to grant seekers across all disciplines. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Multi-enrollment discounts and discounts for Grant Writing USA returning alumni are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment.

Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials: workbook and accompanying 420MB resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

Complete event details including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration [are available here](#).

## GIS Day to be held November 17, 2010

In commemoration of GIS Day, a Professional Development Session will be held in Norfolk at the Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College on November 17, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. This event is free to the public. For those interested in attending contact Michael C. Murphy, GIS Manager, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District at [mmurphy@lenrd.org](mailto:mmurphy@lenrd.org) or by telephone at 402-371-7313.

1:00-1:50	LIDAR and its Applications – Doug Hallum, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Nolan Little, Tri-Basin Natural Resources District
2:00-2:50	HAZUS –MH for ArcGIS – Arnold Radloff, Lincoln Water System, Public Works
3:00-3:50	National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) – Josh Lear, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
4:00-4:50	Mapping H1N1 / Traffic Injuries / West Nile - Kim Schultz, Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department

## Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Announcement 2010 Federal Title II & 2011 State Juvenile Services Funds

Applications are due to the Nebraska Crime Commission by January 7, 2011. The application and instructions can be accessed on the Crime Commission website: <http://www.ncc.negov>.

The US Department of Justice and Health and Human Service awarded nearly \$76 million in FY 2010 grants to enhance adult and juvenile drug treatment courts.

To view the full press release, which includes links to actual award amounts and details about Department of Justice grants, click [here](#).



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## Take Advantage of NACo's Web-based Education...



### NACo's Leadership Series: Using Broadband to Drive Economic Development

Wednesday, November 3

1:00 - 2:15 p.m. CDT

A recent national survey conducted by broadband industry analyst Craig Settles, presents a clear picture of how broadband can impact economic outcomes in local communities. Mr. Settles will demonstrate to NACo members how you can incorporate this data into action that produces results for your community. This is a NACo member only webinar.

### Save Money Through Green Purchasing

Tuesday, November 9

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. CST

Are you looking for ways to go green and start saving money right away? Counties across the country are having success working with free resources and innovative product suppliers to address environmental concerns with green purchasing strategies. Come hear from several county leaders and experts how you can take a few steps to save money while greening your county facilities and operations.

Connie Kuranko, Director of the U.S. Communities' Going Green Program, will introduce how you can save money with green purchasing and review a few tools and calculators to get you started. Two county leaders will highlight their green purchasing strategies and the costs they've saved. Karen Edwards, United Soybean Board Representative, will offer up some great opportunities for counties to utilize bio-based products in their green purchasing programs. To register, click [here](#).

### NACo's Leadership Series: Synergize for Power

Thursday, November 18

1:00 - 2:15 p.m. CST

Practicing leadership can be a lonely task if you take too much of the burden on yourself. Keith Niemann and Lisa Kaslon conclude the 2010 Leadership Series with a strategy for inviting and incorporating diversity of experience, background and opinions for innovative solutions to the challenges you face. This is a NACo member only webinar.

### Staying Home: Foreclosure Prevention Programs that Help Residents and Counties

Thursday, December 09, 2010

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM CST

Many counties are effectively addressing the threat of foreclosure faced by many of their residents. Join this webinar for an update on the current status and projected outlook of foreclosures across the country and examples of two innovative county foreclosure prevention efforts: a mortgage foreclosure court program and a foreclosure prevention outreach initiative. To register, click [here](#).

### Aligning Counties and Cooperative Extension: Working Together to Serve Our Communities

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Join this program to learn more about Cooperative Extension as a national system and how Extension provides talent, resources and services to counties across the nation. Meet Trudy Rice, current Ralph L. Tabor Extension Fellow, and representatives from NACo and Cooperative Extension as they discuss the benefits and opportunities of this national partnership to NACo members. This is a NACo member only webinar.

### Kickstart Your Card: Improve Your Residents' Awareness and Savings with the NACo Prescription Discount Card

Thursday, December 16, 2010

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Learn effective ways to promote your county's NACo Prescription Discount Card Program to help residents save big on their medicine costs. Program experts from NACo, CVS Caremark, and fellow county officials will describe how the free NACo member benefit program has resulted in more than \$300 million in savings nationwide. Register today and explore easy and inexpensive strategies your county can implement to make more households aware of the potential savings. The program includes all the support, resources, and media/press materials necessary so you can provide another "tough-times" solution to your residents. This is a NACo member only webinar.

For more information on these, other upcoming and previous webinars, visit the NACo [Web-based Education](#) page.

*If you are aware of any news that may be of interest, please let us know*

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